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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
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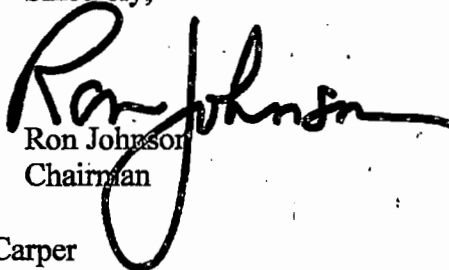
Dear Administrator McCarthy:

On November 8, the American people voiced their disapproval of the regulatory overreach of the Obama Administration and the nearly \$2 trillion regulatory burden placed on the U.S. economy. The result is that the incoming Administration and the 115th Congress will likely re-examine and unwind burdensome regulations imposed by the current administration.

A number of rules finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) exemplify the type of regulatory overreach that Americans rejected. EPA rules like the "waters of the United States," the so-called "Clean Power Plan," and the agency's proposed restriction on atrazine threaten to hinder U.S. economic productivity, increase compliance burdens, and skyrocket costs for Americans. The Clean Power Plan alone is estimated to cost \$1 trillion over a 25 year period.¹ It is because of the enormous costs that in the last year, majorities in both the House of Representatives and the Senate voted to disapprove of the EPA's "waters of the United States" and "Clean Power Plan" rules pursuant to the Congressional Review Act.² Given the substantial likelihood that the EPA's burdensome regulations will be overturned by the incoming Administration and the 115th Congress, I urge the EPA to acknowledge the reality of the situation and cease implementation of these regulations immediately to spare farmers and small businesses the avoidable financial costs and negative consequences of these rules.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Ron Johnson
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member

¹ Philip Rossetti, *The Clean Power Plan Explained*, Am. Action Forum (May 11, 2016), <https://www.americanactionforum.org/insight/clean-power-plan-explained/>.

² S. J. Res. 22, 114th Cong. (2016); S. J. Res. 23, 114th Cong. (2016); S. J. Res. 24, 114th Cong. (2016).